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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

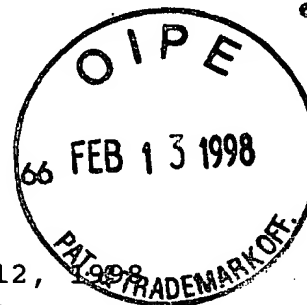
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Application No.: 08/909,966

Filed: August 12, 1997

For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND
ITS CONTROL METHOD

February 12, 1998



The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants
respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Application
No. 08/604,567.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no
copy of Application No. 08/604,567 is enclosed, nor has the
application been listed on attached Form PTO-1449. The
Examiner is respectfully directed to Patent and Trademark
Office Files to review the application. In this regard,
Application No. 08/604,567 is currently being examined by
Group Art Unit 2415.

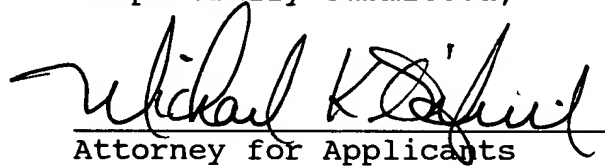
It is Applicants' belief that the Japanese prior art
application for Application No. 08/604,567 was published
before the filing date of the subject application.

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Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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